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Bonneville Power Administration

# memorandum

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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: KECN-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS, (DOE/EIS-0246/SA-08)

TO: Phil Havens – KEWN-4  
Fish and Wildlife Project Manager

**Proposed Action:** Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

**Budget No:** F3780

**Wildlife Management Techniques or Actions Addressed Under This Supplement Analysis**  
**(See App. A of the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS):** See Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge Environmental Assessment

**Location:** Washington County, Oregon.

**Proposed by:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

**Description of the Proposed Action:**

BPA is proposing to assist the USFWS in establishing the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. The USFWS plans to acquire up to 3,058 acres of land along the Tualatin River floodplain and tributaries near Sherwood, Oregon. The primary need for the USFWS acquisition is to protect and enhance wetland and floodplain habitats for a variety of migratory waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors, songbirds, and fish, and other wildlife adjacent to the Portland metropolitan area.

Fee title and conservation easement acquisitions would be used for the approximately 3,058-identified acres. Acquisition authority for this proposal is provided by the Migratory Bird Conservation Act of 1929, the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, and the Emergency Wetland Resources Act of 1986. Acquisition funding would be provided through the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Northwest Power Planning Council's priority setting process.

**Analysis:** An Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was prepared by the USFWS in order to evaluate the effects associated with land acquisition needed to protect and manage wetland and floodplain habitats for numerous species of fish and wildlife. The EA and FONSI meets the standards and guidelines for the Wildlife Mitigation Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD). No checklist is needed.

The Oregon State Office performed a Level I Contaminant Survey (Environmental Site Assessment) for the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge to be acquired by USFWS. The Environmental Site Assessment identified no evidence of potential environmental conditions associated with the property.

**Findings:** The project is generally consistent with Section 11.3.F.2, 11.3.F.3, and 11.3.F.4 of the Northwest Power Planning Council's Fish and Wildlife Program. The attached Supplement Analysis finds 1) that the proposed actions are substantially consistent with the Wildlife Mitigation Program EIS (DOE/EIS-0246) and ROD, and; 2) that there are no new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed actions or their impacts. Therefore, no further NEPA documentation is required.

s/s Robert W. Beraud for \_\_\_\_\_  
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CONCUR: s/s Thomas C. McKinney \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Attachments:**

Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge EA  
Level I Environmental Site Assessment  
Archaeological and Historical Identification Effort Report  
ESA Statement